

Declaration, Power Of Attorney and Petition

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WE (I) the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare(s) that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS MANAGEMENT METHOD, PHYSICAL

DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

the specification of which

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We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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